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Dear FDA:

Re: Docket No. 98N-1038

I am writing to support the clear and concise labeling for irradiated foods. The consumer's right to know should not be subject to expiry. We citizens should be informed indefinitely so that we can make educated decisions as to what food we want to put in our bodies, thus influencing our health. Misleading terms should not be used such as "cold pasteurization." The labeling should be conspicuously placed and the wording should be clear. Furthermore, foods that are irradiated should never be allowed to be advertised and/or labeled as organic. Any failure to inform the consumers of irradiated status (or any other genetic or chemical alteration) of our food is outright deceptive and speaks only of corporate desire for profit and disregard for consumer choice. Please remember that many citizens care about this issue, even though they have not taken the time to write. When this comment period is over, please don't forget that the Food and Drug Administration is an entity created to *protect the health of Americans* (in this instance through supporting informed food consumption), *not corporate interests*.

Sincerely,



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